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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Conversation with Senator Peter H. Dominick (R., Colo.)
re Elias Demetracopoulos**

1. When Senator Dominick, new member of the Agency Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services, visited Headquarters for a lunch with the Director and a briefing, I had occasion to mention the Demetracopoulos problem. Senator Dominick brought the matter up by remarking that he had been in touch with an extremely well-informed former Greek journalist now in Washington who had spoken to him of the danger that the continuation of the present Athens regime would sooner or later result in "another Vietnam." Senator Dominick quoted this (unidentified) authority as claiming to have evidence that there is growing unrest in Greece and there are Communist plans to exploit this by instigating a civil war. The plan allegedly involves infiltration of a number of liberal and anti-regime Greek exiles into Greece from Albania, with Soviet moral and materiel support.

25X1 2. Having learned that Senator Dominick had some weeks ago been entertained at dinner by Demetracopoulos, I replied that I knew there were certain Greek exiles in this country and in Europe who were propagandizing and intriguing against the present regime and that one of the more persuasive and articulate was Elias Demetracopoulos whom the Senator had perhaps met. The Senator did not directly acknowledge this but I drew the inference that this was his source.

[REDACTED] that his journalistic output had

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shown a consistent pattern of discrediting and embarrassing the United States, and often supporting a neutralist or leftist line. I spoke of one particular occasion on which Demetracopoulos had printed a rather crude and mischievous forgery of presumably Communist origin implicating the U.S. Defense Attache in the death of a number of Greek leftists.

3. Senator Dominick said he appreciated this information and would handle it discreetly.

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